

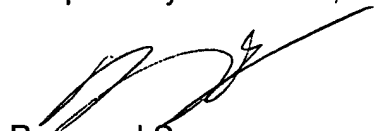
REMARKS

Claims 2-3, 11 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 19 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-10, 12 and 14-19 are currently pending. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The allowability of claims 3, 4, 6, 9, 13, 14, 16 and 19 is gratefully acknowledged. As a result, Applicant has rewritten independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 3, rewritten claim 9 into independent form to incorporate the limitations of original claim 1, rewritten independent claim 10 to incorporate the limitations of claims 11 and 13, and rewritten claim 19 into independent form to incorporate the limitations of original claim 10. The dependencies of claims 4, 6, 12, 14 and 16 have also be modified. In addition, Applicant has addressed the claim objections.

Thus, all pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if there are informalities that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any ideas or suggestions for further advancing the prosecution of this case.

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